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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Laurie Magid and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the filing of a ten-count Indictment¹ charging Jermaine Pryor, Jonnie Mae Wright and Robert Fields with conspiracy to distribute cocaine base (“crack”), possession with intent to distribute cocaine base (“crack”), distribution of cocaine base (“crack”) and marijuana, possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and aiding and abetting, relating to multiple sales of cocaine base (“crack”) and marijuana between February 19, 2008 and March 12, 2008, and the subsequent seizure of a handgun.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	City/County	AGE
Jermaine Pryor	Philadelphia	27
Jonnie Mae Wright	Philadelphia	58
Robert Fields	Philadelphia	21

This investigation and prosecution was part of *Project Safe Neighborhoods*, a joint initiative by the United States Attorney’s Office, each of the nine District Attorney’s Offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to identify and prosecute dangerous firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction.

If convicted, Jermaine Pryor faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment and a mandatory sentence of no less than 5 years incarceration; Jonnie Mae Wright faces a maximum possible sentence of 125 years incarceration; and, Robert Fields faces a maximum possible sentence of 40 years incarceration.

¹An Indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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The case was investigated by ATF Task Force Officer Chris Lee and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Arlene Fisk.

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